

## **UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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Ms. Sharon Brown Project Leader National Trails System-IMR National Park Service P.O. Box 728 Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Ms Brown:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (CEQ) for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Long Walk National Historic Trail Feasibility Study. Under the proposed alternative a single national historic trail would be designated to commemorate the overall Navajo and Mescalero Apache removal experience.

EPA classified your DEIS and proposed action as "LO," i.e., EPA has "Lack of Objections" to the selection of Alternative C, the Environmentally Preferred Plan. Our classification will be published in the <u>Federal Register</u> according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jansky of my staff at 214-665-7451 or by e-mail at <u>jansky.michael@epa.gov</u> for assistance.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office one (1) copy of the FEIS at the same time that it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities (2251A), EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20044.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Gilmore, Chief Office of Planning and

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